

**PARKS COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING
January 7, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dan Otto called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were Members Bill Conway, Matt Pagels, Joanna Colletti, Sheri Sepeczi and Mike Richardson. Also in attendance Acting Superintendent Jon Huizinga, Secretary Jane Bartolai & Acting Village President/Trustee Cramer, who arrived later.

RESIDENT'S COMMENTS – None present.

APPROVAL OF December 3, 2008 MINUTES

Member Conway made a motion to approve the December 3, 2008 meeting minutes with no changes. Member Pagels seconded. All were in favor.

PARKS

~ **Report** – Acting Superintendent Huizinga reported on the following: (1) swing installation is complete at Stanger Park, Picnic Grove & Lions Park. (2) Work is still being done on the ice rink at Kids Care Ct. The ice is difficult to maintain especially when the temperature changes and run-off occurs. The ice also breaks and then the flooding process has to be repeated. Thousands of gallons of water are being used. Also, there was discussion about the location of additional lighting at the sledding hill that would not interfere with parents watching the sledders.

~ **Master Plan Review** – Because of their schedules, Acting Superintendent Huizinga and Chairman Otto were unable to meet since the last meeting to review the plan but will set up a date in February.

~ **Parks Planting Regs** – Member Colletti suggested adding the scientific names of trees. She will e-mail Acting Superintendent Huizinga her comments tomorrow. The rest of the commission had no additional comments.

~ **Park Clean Up** – Acting Superintendent Huizinga has been in contact with the Cary-Grove High School Track Team. The commission set the date for Saturday, April 18th, 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Member Conway will contact the Recreation Council to get their input on any projects/work orders they may need. Member Sepeczi will detail the projects in a flier for volunteers to select the projects they are interested in. Volunteers are instructed to contact Village Clerk, Donna Brouder, who will compile a list of volunteers. In addition, Huizinga is working on getting a tree to plant in Picnic Grove Park for Kay Laube memorial, he has a boulder and would like to add a dedication plaque.

OTHER BUSINESS

~ **2009 Park it on the Fox Car Show** – Acting Village President/Trustee Cramer reported the Chamber of Commerce wants to combine Summer Sales Days at Stone Hill Center and the Car Show on June 13, 2009. Volunteers needed. Numerous tasks need to be done, including: Contacting Dominick’s Food Store to get permission to reserve Stone Hill, put the show information on the internet, update the sponsor letter and mail it and set-up the Village website for registrations. Cramer will e-mail the planner to the members so they may volunteer. Last year there was a problem with the entry process at the gate and some cars may have entered for free. This process needs improvement for this year. Especially since entries may increase from 62 last year to ~200 this year. Also this year, several trophies have been donated by Chris Scala.

~ **Skate-for-the-Park** event March 8th at the Barrington Skate Park. Volunteers needed. Getting fliers out the fliers are almost ready contact the rink, purchasing snacks & hot chocolate. Member Sepeczi will distribute fliers to schools. Chairman Otto will contact the Courier to advertise. Trustee Cramer will e-mail later for add volunteers.

~ **Amendment #3** Chairman Otto explained that because of previous problems that the Recreation Council has had with the scheduling of fields for outside teams it was recommended to create Amendment #3. The Recreation Council, School District and Public Works will be discussing Amendment #3 at the next Public Works meeting, Tuesday, January 13th @ 7:00 p.m. He suggested that someone from the Parks Commission also attend.

~ **Open Positions** - Chairman Otto extended a “Thank You” to Mike Bajorek for his time and dedication to the committee. His position remains open, as well as the position of liaison for the Recreation Council.

NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Colletti made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Member Conway seconded. All were in favor.

Dan Otto, Chairman

Jane Bartolai, Secretary

Date Approved